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OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS  
OF

## MASON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending December 31

### 1995

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The new Ford truck was delivered to the Highway Department in the fall. Also, the self contained breathing apparatus were delivered to the Fire Department directly after Town Meeting. The Department has used this equipment on numerous occasions with great success.

We say hello and welcome aboard to Sergeant Vint Boggis, who replaced Kris Thibault. Thank you, Kris, for your years of service and good luck in your new job.

The video cameras were installed in the Police cruisers last spring and have been extremely useful. In addition to his Police work, Chief Malboeuf has filmed special activities for the Board of Selectmen, as well as, for the Fire Department. Thank you, Bob, for your time and effort.

We were pleased to see that the forestry management program has progressed so well under the guidance of the Forestry Committee and Town Forester Bill Downs.

Base 500 will terminate dispatch service as of March 31st. The past six months, Police Chief Malboeuf, Fire Chief Cook, Assist Chief Bergeron, Road Agent Dunn, and Selectman Millbrandt have put in many, many hours in committee work, interviews with vendors, and onsite review of various communication centers. April 1st we will be on line with Hillsborough County Dispatch Center for the Police Department and the Fire Department. The Highway Department will be dispatched by Base 500's answering service. We will purchase the police repeater and the fire radio from Base 500, which may be a saving in our communications expenses.

Our assessor, Compton French, who served the Town well for the past few years, has retired. We are at this time in the process of selecting a replacement.

Public Service Company of New Hampshire and the Town of Mason agreed upon a valuation of 1.3 million for 1993, 1994 and 1995 versus previous valuations of 700,000 to 800,000. We also agreed not to reduce the new valuation as part of the equalization process until 1998.

We wish to thank all Town employees and volunteers for their dedication and jobs well done. We also thank Barbara Milkovits, Assistant to the Selectmen, for her dedication and efficient operation of the office.

Sincerely,

*Anne Richards  
Clifton Hastings  
Wolfgang Millbrandt*

# **TOWN OFFICE HOURS AND MEETINGS**

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## **SELECTMEN**

Office Hours: Mann House, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
Monday through Thursday

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.  
Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Telephone: 878-2070

## **TOWN CLERK**

Office Hours: Mann House, Tuesday 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon  
Thursday Evening, 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Telephone: 878-2070

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Meetings: Town Hall, 7:30 P.M.  
Last Thursday of the month

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Office Hours: Mann House, 7:00 P.M.  
Every Tuesday  
By Appointment

## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Meetings: Mann House, 7:30 P.M.  
Third Monday of the month





## ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

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<b>MODERATOR 2 yr term</b>	
Catherine Schwenk	March 1996

<b>TOWN CLERK 3 yr term</b>	
Charlotte N. Hastings	March 1996

<b>DEPUTY TOWN CLERK</b>	
Diane M. Meehan, Appointed	March 1996

<b>TREASURER 3 yr term</b>	
Jeanne Hamel	March 1996

<b>DEPUTY TREASURER</b>	
Maria Eaton, Appointed	March 1996

<b>SELECTMEN 3 yr term</b>	
Anne Richards, Chairman	March 1996
Clifton Hastings	March 1997
Wolfgang Millbrandt	March 1998

<b>TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr term</b>	
Charlotte N. Hastings	March 1996

<b>DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR</b>	
Diane M. Meehan, Appointed	March 1996

<b>AUDITOR 1 yr term</b>	
David Evans, Appointed	March 1996

<b>SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST 6 yr term</b>	
Shirley Morley, Chairman	March 1996
Constance Lacasse	March 2000
Linda Goss	March 1998

<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 yr term</b>	
Linda Martin-Berke	March 1998
Bette Lewicke	March 1997
Mary Calderan	March 1996

<b>TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES 3 yr term</b>	
Wolfgang Millbrandt	March 1997
Wallace A. Brown	March 1998
David S. Morrison	March 1996

<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 3 yr term</b>	
James Losee	March 1996
Reverend Bonnie Evans	March 1998
George Schwenk	March 1997

# APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

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## BALLOT CLERKS

Linda LeBlanc	March 1997
Sandra LeClair	March 1996
Pauline Bergeron	March 1997

## FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Irene Cook, Chairman	March 1996
David Evans	March 1997
Michael Farrey	March 1996
Ralph LeClair	March 1997
Ted Saunders	March 1996

## PLANNING BOARD

Robert Griffin, Chairman	March 1996
Bruce Mann	March 1998
Michael Goen	March 1998
William Downs	March 1996
Garth Fletcher, Alternate	March 1996
Constance Lacasse, Clerk	
Anne Richards, Ex-officio	

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Ulysses Shields, Chairman	March 1997
Michael Davieau	March 1998
Robert Bergeron	March 1998
Kevin Casey	March 1997
David Eaton, Alternate	March 1998
Jeanne Hamel, Clerk & Alternate	March 1996
Edward Hamel, Alternate	March 1997
Clifton Hastings, Ex-officio	

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Dorothy Millbrandt, Chairman	March 1996
John Lewicke	March 1997
Penelope Savard	March 1997
Stanley Brown	March 1996
Martin Milkovits	March 1996
Wolfgang Millbrandt, Ex-officio	

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Robert Larochelle, Chairman	March 1997
Gary Ellsworth	March 1997
Elizabeth Fletcher	March 1996
Edith Griffin	March 1997
Ann Preston	March 1997
Florence Roberts	March 1996

## FORESTRY COMMITTEE

John Valentine, Co-Chairman	March 1997
Curtis Dunn, Co-Chairman	March 1997
Eric Anderson	March 1996
Florence Roberts	March 1996
William Downs, Town Forester	March 1996
Clifton Hastings, Ex-officio	



## POLICE OFFICERS

Robert L. Malboeuf	Police Chief
Vint Boggis	Full Time Sergeant
Laurence Duval	Special Police Officer
Michael Farrey	Special Police Officer
John LeBlanc, Sr.	Special Police Officer

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

David P. Cook	Fire Chief/EMT-D/Warden
Cheryl Greenwood	EMT Coordinator
David Baker	First Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Robert A. Bergeron	Second Asst. Chief/Deputy Warden
Frederick W. Greenwood	Captain/Deputy Warden
Francis Gavin	First Lieutenant/EMT-B
Rodney Stedman	Second Lieutenant/Deputy Warden
Robert Ahern	Firefighter
Bruce Berry	EMT-D
Michael Blum	Firefighter
Wallace A. Brown	Firefighter/Deputy Warden/Waterhole Committee
John Dube	Firefighter/First Responder
Patricia G. Greene	EMT-I-D
Edward Hamel	Firefighter/EMT-D
Clifton Hastings	Firefighter/Deputy Warden
Charles Lanni	Firefighter
John LeBlanc, Sr.	EMT-D
John LeBlanc, Jr.	Firefighter/EMT-D
Robert L. Malboeuf	EMT-D
Bernard O'Grady	Firefighter
Philip Phalon, Jr.	Firefighter
Anne Richards	Firefighter
Ronald Roberts, Jr.	Firefighter
Stuart Sherman	Firefighter
Roland Theriault	Firefighter
Cindy Tibbetts	First Responder
Curtis M. Dunn	Deputy Warden
Reverend Bonnie Evans	Chaplain

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Cynthia Budrewicz, Chairman	March 1997
Paula Babel	March 1997
Wallace A. Brown	March 1998
Gretchen West	March 1996

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Curtis M. Dunn	ROAD AGENT
Bruce W. Berry	ASSISTANT ROAD AGENT
Kenneth B. Wilson	BUILDING INSPECTOR
Florence Wilson	TOWN BUILDING CUSTODIAN
Edward Hamel	CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
Jeanne Hamel	DEPUTY CIVIL DEFENSE
Kenneth B. Wilson	HOUSE NUMBERING AGENT
William Downs	TOWN FORESTER
Wallace Brown	SEXTON
Carol Fiset	HEALTH OFFICER
Kenneth B. Wilson	DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

# MASON TOWN WARRANT

## The State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at: Mason Town Hall

To the inhabitants of the Town of Mason, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to come to the polling place at the Town Hall in Mason at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1996, for the election of Town officers pursuant to Article 1 of this Warrant, bringing in your ballots for the following:

Selectman	3 years
Town Clerk	3 years
Tax Collector	3 years
Treasurer	3 years
Auditor	1 year
Moderator	2 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years
Library Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Cemeteries	3 years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	3 years

The polls will be open continuously until 7 p.m. when they shall close.

You are hereby notified also to meet at 8 p.m. of the same day and at the same place to act upon Articles of this Warrant.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing, or otherwise the sum of Seven Hundred and One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars (\$701,467) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two dollars (\$14,352) for the second payment of the lease for the Highway Department's dump truck as voted for at Town Meeting, March 1995, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
4. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and affirm the authority of the Selectmen to enter into that lease agreement for the purposes of leasing a 1996 GMC vehicle for the Police Department. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$9900) for the second payment of the ten self contained breathing air packs and spare bottles as voted for at Special Town Meeting, September 1995, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000) to replace the overhead doors at the Fire Station, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).



7. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6950) from the Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson Trust Fund for the purchase of a Defibrillator and assorted accessories and service warranty, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$6950) for the purchase of a Defibrillator and assorted accessories and service warranty, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and 32/100 (\$1926.32) from surplus, these amounts received in 1995 from the sale of surplus Highway Department equipment to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000) from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a sander body, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000) from the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund for the purpose of installing lot markers and starting gravel roads in the new cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3500) to purchase a computer with multimedia capability, laser printer, fax machine, telephone installation and service charges, and fees for one year of dialup modem access to the Internet for the Mason Public Library , or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (2-1).
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TwoThousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$2600) for the purchase of a lawn tractor mower to be used for cemetery, town common, and recreational field work, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) for the purchase of combination printer, fax, copier and scanner for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150) from surplus, these amounts received in 1995 from the sale of cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Road Agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by Selectmen (3-0).
17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Fire Chief to sell or dispose of surplus equipment and vehicles from the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto. Recommended by the Selectmen (3-0).



2/28/96	1992		1992		1993		1993		1994		1994		1995		1996		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	96/95
Town Officers' Salaries																	
Selectmen	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	2,925	0.0%
Town Clerk	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0.0%
Treasurer	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	550	0.0%
Auditor	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	0.0%
Moderator	350	350	350	350	115	115	300	300	300	300	300	300	100	100	300	300	200.0%
	<b>4,676</b>	<b>4,676</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
Fees in Lieu of Salaries																	
Tax Collector	7,250	7,940	7,250	7,788	7,250	7,788	7,250	7,806	7,250	7,806	7,250	7,610	7,250	7,610	7,250	7,250	0.0%
Town Clerk	3,000	2,810	3,000	2,846	3,000	2,846	3,000	2,999	3,000	2,999	3,000	4,870	3,000	4,870	3,000	3,000	0.0%
	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,750</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,634</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,634</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,805</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,805</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>12,480</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>12,480</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Administration																	
Administrative Ass't	18,550	14,304	16,275	16,142	16,275	16,142	16,758	16,731	17,160	17,133	17,160	17,133	17,160	17,133	17,960	17,960	4.7%
Payroll taxes	1,710	3,035	2,700	2,705	2,700	2,705	2,850	2,736	2,850	2,876	2,850	2,876	2,850	2,876	2,950	2,950	3.5%
Health Insurance	5,060	5,138	5,500	5,487	5,500	5,487	6,030	5,965	5,966	5,965	5,966	5,965	5,966	5,965	6,200	6,200	3.9%
Workers comp.	160	158	160	342	160	342	893	766	850	672	850	672	850	672	850	850	0.0%
Advertising	100	29	100	0	100	0	75	43	65	0	65	0	65	0	65	65	0.0%
Bank service charges	300	425	300	619	300	619	400	678	650	807	650	807	650	807	675	675	3.8%
Association dues	50	85	85	35	85	35	50	35	50	55	50	55	50	55	55	55	10.0%
State Dog Fees							0	508		544		544		544	0	0	
Bonds	625	602	625	677	625	677	650	0	500	0	500	0	500	0	600	600	-100.0%
Conferences	1,000	846	1,200	517	1,200	517	600	994	600	567	600	567	600	567	600	600	0.0%
Computer services	1,500	1,730	1,700	1,610	1,700	1,610	1,700	1,561	1,700	1,595	1,700	1,595	1,700	1,595	1,700	1,700	0.0%
Mileage	150	216	150	200	150	200	150	269	200	204	200	204	200	204	200	200	0.0%
Contingency	250	185	250	70	250	70	200	190	200	138	200	138	200	138	200	200	0.0%
Postage	850	921	900	933	900	933	900	930	1,000	1,088	1,000	1,088	1,000	1,088	1,100	1,100	10.0%
Registry fees	250	286	250	542	250	542	250	341	250	244	250	244	250	244	250	250	0.0%
Repairs & maintenance	300	333	300	2,620	300	2,620	300	180	200	151	200	151	200	151	200	200	0.0%
Retirement Ins		639	765	789	765	789	810	824	858	849	858	849	872	849	872	872	1.6%
Office supplies	1,200	1,169	1,200	1,333	1,200	1,333	1,200	1,525	1,200	1,330	1,200	1,330	1,300	1,330	1,300	1,300	8.3%
Telephone	850	739	850	636	850	636	750	682	750	714	750	714	750	714	750	750	0.0%
Town reports	650	621	650	526	650	526	650	624	650	624	650	624	650	624	700	700	7.7%
	<b>33,666</b>	<b>31,463</b>	<b>33,960</b>	<b>35,781</b>	<b>33,960</b>	<b>35,781</b>	<b>35,216</b>	<b>35,580</b>	<b>35,699</b>	<b>35,567</b>	<b>35,699</b>	<b>35,567</b>	<b>35,627</b>	<b>35,567</b>	<b>36,627</b>	<b>36,627</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

2/28/96	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	1995	1996	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	96/95
<b>Cemetery Expenses</b>										
Cemetery maintenance	850	406	900	725	1,000	1,295	1,500	1,119	1,500	0.0%
Cemetery salaries	4,700	5,311	5,000	5,085	5,500	5,694	5,500	5,708	6,350	15.5%
Payroll taxes	360	406	384	389	421	424	421	436	500	18.8%
Workers comp.			0	718	810	810	930	909	600	-35.5%
	<b>5,910</b>	<b>6,123</b>	<b>6,284</b>	<b>6,917</b>	<b>7,731</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>8,361</b>	<b>8,172</b>	<b>8,950</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
<b>Reappraisal of Property</b>										
Assessing	5,000	4,335	5,000	3,263	5,200	5,220	6,200	5,200	5,200	-16.1%
Tax map update	875	850	800	450	500	465	485	485	485	0.0%
	<b>5,875</b>	<b>5,185</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>3,713</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>6,685</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>
<b>Town Building Expenses</b>										
Custodian salaries	3,800	3,902	3,800	3,650	3,800	3,575	3,800	3,750	3,800	0.0%
Supplies	150	131	150	46	100	27	125	107	125	0.0%
Heat	2,300	1,781	2,200	1,963	2,200	1,651	2,200	1,645	2,200	0.0%
Electricity	1,500	1,605	1,600	1,583	1,600	1,949	2,000	2,108	2,100	5.0%
Repairs & maintenance	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,630	2,500	2,152	2,500	2,905	3,000	20.0%
	<b>10,250</b>	<b>9,919</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>10,872</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>9,355</b>	<b>10,625</b>	<b>10,516</b>	<b>11,225</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
<b>Employment/Insurance Expenses</b>										
Misc Payroll Taxes/Work's Comp		-314		0						
Accident/Health Insurance	1,400	1,436	1,452	1,398	1,968	1,932	1,968	1,750	1,930	-1.9%
Unemployment taxes	1,000	794	1,000	894	1,000	812	700	667	700	0.0%
Liability insurance	23,000	20,981	23,000	20,720	23,000	20,309	22,000	20,391	23,000	4.5%
	<b>25,400</b>	<b>22,897</b>	<b>25,452</b>	<b>23,013</b>	<b>25,968</b>	<b>23,053</b>	<b>24,668</b>	<b>22,808</b>	<b>25,630</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning</b>										
Salaries	1,400	1,013	1,400	968	1,400	665	1,200	1,165	1,200	0.0%
Payroll taxes	100	77	100	73	100	50	92	89	92	0.0%
Advertising	500	400	500	229	400	240	300	350	300	0.0%
Training	100	0	100	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Board of Adjustment	200	197	200	43	50	102	50	264	500	900.0%
Historic District Commission	50	30	50	48	50	0	50	68	50	0.0%
SW Reg. Planning/Consulting	1,500	1,212	1,224	1,374	1,220	1,220	1,370	1,367	1,370	0.0%
Supplies	75	216	200	205	150	108	150	339	150	0.0%
Postage	200	297	200	150	150	118	150	125	150	0.0%
	<b>4,125</b>	<b>3,442</b>	<b>3,974</b>	<b>3,089</b>	<b>3,570</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>3,362</b>	<b>3,762</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>13.4%</b>

2/28/96	1992	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	1995	1996	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		96/95
<b>Building Inspection</b>											
Bldg inspector-fees	1,600	1,123	1,600	889	1,000	1,137	1,000	732	1,000		0.0%
Payroll taxes	150	86	150	68	77	88	77	62	77		0.0%
Expenses	200	127	200	199	200	192	300	257	300		0.0%
	<b>1,950</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>1,417</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>1,377</b>		<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Health &amp; Welfare</b>											
Health officer	50	0	50	0	25	0	25	0	25		0.0%
Animal control	500	490	1,400	735	500	474	2,000	2,675	2,000		0.0%
Town poor	1,500	1,675	2,000	1,380	2,000	1,398	2,000	0	2,000		0.0%
Nashua Mediation											
Visiting nurse	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500		0.0%
	<b>3,550</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>4,960</b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>4,025</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>5,525</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>5,525</b>		<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>											
Ambulance Service Fee	6,521	6,521	6,811	4,711	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,675		5.0%
Supplies					1,000	1,999	1,000	970	1,000		0.0%
Training					1,000		1,000	318	1,000		0.0%
	<b>6,521</b>	<b>6,521</b>	<b>6,811</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,499</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>4,788</b>	<b>5,675</b>		<b>3.2%</b>
<b>Library</b>											
Library salaries	14,835	14,750	14,880	14,879	15,315	15,315	15,744	15,741	16,180		2.8%
Payroll taxes	1,135	1,151	1,150	1,138	1,172	1,178	1,205	1,199	1,240		2.9%
Worker's Comp.					66	66	60	60	60		0.0%
Dues, fees & educ	555	317	677	560	505	436	620	607	620		0.0%
Equipment maintenance	0	0	45	45	0	0	0	0	0		0.0%
Postage	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		0.0%
Programming	50	50	50	49	125	122	125	125	225		80.0%
Matching Funds											
Supplies	200	200	125	124	175	174	175	175	150		0.0%
Telephone	360	364	360	325	409	370	420	400	325		85.7%
Travel	150	150	170	170	190	190	210	210	230		9.5%
Books	1,730	1,730	1,798	1,815	2,000	1,998	2,000	2,001	2,500		25.0%
	<b>19,090</b>	<b>18,787</b>	<b>19,330</b>	<b>19,180</b>	<b>20,032</b>	<b>19,925</b>	<b>20,784</b>	<b>20,717</b>	<b>22,025</b>		<b>6.0%</b>



2/28/96	1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget		96/95
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>											
Grounds improvements/repairs	220	348	220	220	220	468	300	519	300		0.0%
Lawn supplies	430	339	300	292	300	214	300	139	300		0.0%
Mowing	600	624	600	600	600	469	600	302	600		0.0%
Recreation area expenses	240	111	240	220	240	280	300	16	300		0.0%
Stone dust	120	24	250	95	250	0	250	225	250		0.0%
Toilet facilities	125	0	125	20	75	50	125	30	125		0.0%
Trash removal	60	30	60	63	60	93	80	89	90		12.5%
Activities/Rec day	350	260	350	223	350	402	450	378	450		0.0%
Patriotic purposes	300	217	300	300	400	399	500	498	600		20.0%
Electricity									60		
Street lighting	800	808	800	782	860	902	926	951	960		3.7%
Town common	2,500	2,694	2,500	2,698	2,700	2,727	2,700	2,727	2,850		5.6%
Payroll taxes	200	200	200	205	207	203	207	183	220		6.3%
Worker's Comp			0	292	317	341	317	300	317		0.0%
	<b>5,945</b>	<b>5,645</b>	<b>5,945</b>	<b>6,010</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>6,548</b>	<b>7,055</b>	<b>6,356</b>	<b>7,422</b>		<b>5.2%</b>
<b>Water Hole</b>											
Water hole & dry hyd	1,000	995	1,000	905	1,000	304	1,000	800	1,000		0.0%
House & water hole #'s	100	100	100	100	100	100	125	125	125		0.0%
	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1,125</b>		<b>0.0%</b>
<b>New Hampshire Municipal Asso.</b>											
Wilton Recycling Center	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500		0.0%
Communication Expenses	32,027	32,027	35,192	35,192	32,887	30,536	31,089	31,089	29,040		-6.6%
Legal Expenses	21,035	21,035	21,168	21,165	23,787	23,785	32,594	32,594	41,594		27.6%
Civil Defense	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000	0	6,000	5,739	6,000		0.0%
Conservation Commission	100	100	100	0	50	0	50	11	100		100.0%
Election Expenses	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	160		-90.0%
Town Forestry Committee	2,875	766	500	296	800	762	689	413	2,200		219.3%
							<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,697</b>	<b>760</b>		<b>-90.0%</b>
Due to the closing of the communications center, the 1996 line item contains some non-recurring costs, some of which are still under negotiation.											
'95 Legal Expenses actual represents the 94 and 95 billing											

2/28/96	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	1995	1996	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	96/95
Highway Town Maintenance										
Road agent salary	30,257	30,079	31,111	31,103	31,332	31,284	32,525	32,490	33,643	3.4%
Asst road agent salary	25,336	25,265	25,557	25,557	26,322	26,296	27,117	27,107	27,930	3.0%
Equipment operator	21,562	20,413	21,754	19,921	22,415	21,834	23,096	22,367	23,798	3.0%
Other salaries	24,500	31,119	26,000	30,798	27,500	34,017	30,000	33,698	32,000	6.7%
Overtime wages	10,000	9,005	10,000	9,489	11,000	8,518	11,000	11,883	11,500	4.5%
Payroll taxes	8,550	9,057	8,800	9,020	9,071	9,293	9,470	9,895	9,860	4.1%
Health insurance	11,125	11,329	12,960	11,891	12,969	12,855	13,408	12,856	14,534	8.4%
Alcohol and drug testing									400	
Workers comp.	3,108	2,894	4,000	1,400	14,459	13,625	13,000	10,066	13,370	2.8%
Retirement	4,300	4,225	4,550	4,610	4,750	4,524	4,750	4,636	4,800	1.1%
Consulting engineer	250	0	250	111	200	0	200	0	200	0.0%
Mileage	1,700	1,739	1,700	1,788	1,850	1,722	2,000	2,033	2,000	0.0%
Fire equipment rental	350	0	350	33	350	0	350	65	350	0.0%
Calcium chloride	8,000	8,558	9,000	10,300	10,000	10,284	11,000	11,067	11,500	4.5%
Crusher	4,000	3,990	4,000	2,308	4,000	0	5,000	5,153	5,000	0.0%
Culverts	500	(328)	1,000	180	1,000	513	1,000	0	1,000	0.0%
Oil - pug mill	5,500	5,786	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,360	5,500	5,500	7,000	27.3%
Oil - sealing	8,000	8,069	10,500	10,084	11,500	11,536	14,000	16,277	13,500	-3.6%
Patch	2,000	2,286	2,000	1,984	2,000	2,078	2,000	2,244	2,500	25.0%
Salt	3,750	5,037	5,000	4,631	4,000	3,649	5,500	5,332	5,000	-9.1%
Tractor rental	250	36	150	378	150	0	0	84	100	
Truck rentals	250	400	300	40	300	0	300	450	200	-33.3%
Plowing	12,000	4,606	12,000	13,398	16,000	13,729	11,000	8,025	14,000	27.3%
	185,288	183,564	196,482	194,523	216,868	211,066	222,216	221,226	234,185	5.4%
Highway Dept. Expenses										
Building maintenance	3,500	2,144	3,000	3,735	3,000	3,306	4,000	3,371	3,000	-25.0%
Chains	800	583	600	782	600	198	600	534	600	0.0%
Chainsaw repairs	350	312	300	90	400	36	600	567	600	0.0%
Dues & education	550	283	550	547	600	190	500	752	600	20.0%
Edges for plows & graders	1,200	902	1,000	1,165	1,200	1,101	1,200	1,295	1,500	25.0%
Electricity	1,300	1,317	1,500	1,630	1,800	1,764	2,050	2,003	2,200	7.3%
Equipment maintenance	15,000	17,616	16,000	18,058	15,000	22,793	17,000	17,469	18,000	5.9%
Fuel	12,000	10,117	12,000	8,854	11,000	9,736	11,000	10,750	11,000	0.0%

2/28/96	1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	1995	1996	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	96/95
Highway...										
Radios	500	390	500	932	800	547	800	733	1,000	25.0%
Telephone	800	677	700	705	850	877	1,000	930	1,000	0.0%
Tires	1,500	1,734	1,500	1,865	2,500	879	2,500	2,905	2,000	-20.0%
Safety equipment	1,000	1,021	1,000	437	1,000	1,077	1,000	1,174	1,200	20.0%
Tools	600	878	800	886	800	1,154	800	876	800	0.0%
Welding supplies	400	132	400	1,394	400	253	300	309	400	33.3%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>39,600</b>	<b>38,044</b>	<b>39,950</b>	<b>41,081</b>	<b>39,950</b>	<b>43,910</b>	<b>43,350</b>	<b>43,668</b>	<b>43,900</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	<b>224,888</b>	<b>221,608</b>	<b>238,432</b>	<b>235,604</b>	<b>256,618</b>	<b>254,976</b>	<b>265,566</b>	<b>264,894</b>	<b>278,086</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Mr. Dunn would again like to point out that Workmen's Compensation costs are offset by revenues. This is in part due to his continuing excellent safety record and in part due to the fact that the Municipal Pool chooses to refund excess income to the towns.										
The line item for alcohol and drug testing is federally mandated to keep you safe from the riff-ruff we hire to maintain our roads. The era of big government is over?										
<b>Police Department</b>										
Chief's salary	32,488	32,488	32,611	32,611	33,589	33,589	34,597	34,597	35,635	3.0%
Fulltime Officer					19,240	18,903	20,880	18,980	26,600	28.6%
Officers' salaries	20,842	20,635	20,674	22,266	9,028	9,040	9,028	11,129	12,900	42.9%
Payroll taxes	2,065	2,093	2,055	2,127	1,457	1,472	1,457	1,779	1,890	26.6%
Health insurance	5,060	5,138	5,500	5,460	8,585	8,462	8,494	8,688	12,770	50.3%
Workers comp.	1,120	1,081	1,120	758	3,525	3,525	4,000	3,797	3,150	-21.3%
Retirement	3,021	1,430	1,640	1,177	2,642	1,904	2,212	1,562	2,490	12.6%
Conventions & dues	300	120	300	150	200	240	200	150	200	0.0%
Cruiser fuel	2,500	2,182	2,500	1,754	2,000	2,281	2,350	2,452	2,500	6.4%
Cruiser maintenance	2,500	4,576	2,500	1,684	2,000	2,526	2,500	3,375	2,500	0.0%
Cruiser lease	5,950	5,916	6,900	6,893	6,900	6,893	6,900	7,090	9,240	33.9%
Office expenses	2,000	2,162	2,000	1,730	2,000	2,160	2,250	2,807	2,750	22.2%
Training	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,494	1,000	1,010	1,000	543	2,000	100.0%
Uniforms	3,000	3,104	1,000	1,337	1,000	1,090	1,000	1,049	1,000	0.0%
Equipment & maintenance	0	0	1,000	2,054	1,000	1,461	1,000	1,579	1,000	0.0%
Reports & permits	450	323	1,000	318	500	298	500	484	500	0.0%
	<b>83,396</b>	<b>83,349</b>	<b>82,900</b>	<b>82,814</b>	<b>94,666</b>	<b>94,836</b>	<b>98,204</b>	<b>100,059</b>	<b>117,125</b>	<b>19.3%</b>



2/28/96	1982	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	1995	1998	Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	96/95
<b>Fire Department</b>										
Fire Chief's salary	0	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%
Other Stipends	300	51	100	28	50	60	75	0	75	0.0%
Warden training	200	38	200	109	700	600	990	840	990	0.0%
Workers comp.	3,000	2,661	3,000	2,543	2,500	2,514	2,600	2,279	2,800	7.7%
Utilities	1,000	834	1,000	698	800	718	800	703	800	0.0%
Telephone	800	392	800	901	800	786	800	808	800	0.0%
Radio repair	1,800	881	1,200	752	1,000	700	750	586	750	0.0%
Fuel	400	380	400	239	250	246	250	103	150	-40.0%
Code books	1,000	668	1,250	1,183	1,200	1,081	1,200	1,075	1,200	0.0%
Training	2,500	2,318	2,500	2,333	3,500	3,664	3,500	3,194	3,500	0.0%
Equipment & Maint	500	402	500	661	1,200	1,051	1,500	1,473	1,750	16.7%
Bld maintenance	500	544	500	269	600	623	1,100	1,185	1,400	27.3%
Officers expenses/Dues	200	178	200	190	200	190	200	202	200	0.0%
Insurance	4,000	3,686	4,000	4,119	4,000	4,021	4,000	4,026	4,000	0.0%
Vehicle maintenance	350	293	350	63	300	285	350	320	350	0.0%
Expendables										
Hepatitis Vaccine Program										
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16,550</b>	<b>13,325</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>16,587</b>	<b>26,600</b>	<b>25,742</b>	<b>25,865</b>	<b>24,038</b>	<b>26,290</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Fire truck bond principal	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	-33.3%
Fire truck bond interest	4,730	4,730	3,718	3,718	2,705	2,705	1,693	1,693	680	-59.8%
Truck engine replacement	4,250	4,250								
<b>Total Fire Dept.</b>	<b>40,530</b>	<b>37,305</b>	<b>36,218</b>	<b>34,305</b>	<b>44,305</b>	<b>43,447</b>	<b>42,558</b>	<b>40,731</b>	<b>36,970</b>	<b>-13.1%</b>
<b>Interest Tax Notes</b>										
Abatements & Refunds	20,000	18,616	20,000	7,483	16,000	18,844	18,000	27,592	40,000	122.2%
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>567,747</b>	<b>542,914</b>	<b>578,006</b>	<b>551,082</b>	<b>614,886</b>	<b>610,813</b>	<b>648,681</b>	<b>670,436</b>	<b>701,467</b>	<b>8.1%</b>
Increase over prior year	2.00%		1.81%		6.38%		6.60%		8.14%	
<b>Total Budget Proposed</b>	<b>561,572</b>		<b>578,006</b>		<b>608,886</b>		<b>652,078</b>		<b>701,467</b>	
<b>Total Budget Voted</b>	<b>567,747</b>		<b>578,006</b>		<b>614,886</b>		<b>648,681</b>			
The large abatement for '95 primarily represents a three year settlement with Public Service.										
The 95 overexpenditure on interest on tax notes (and jump of the 96 budget) represents a shift from "line of credit" to borrowing and is offset by interest income (\$35,027 actual for 95).										

2/28/96		1992	1992	1993	1993	1994	1994	1995	1995	Change
APPROPRIATIONS		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	96/96
<b>Warrant Articles '92</b>										
92#4 Hwy Office Building		16,000	16,000							
92#5 Hwy Capital Reserve		15,000	15,000							
92#6 Cemetery Improvement		10,000	9,951	(10,000 Cap Reserve)						
92#8 Historic Tom's House		3,000	1,806	(3,000 Worcester Fund)						
92#9 Town Computer		2,000	2,000							
92#10 Town Photocopier		1,200	1,200							
92#11 Library Encyclopedia		1,000	814							
92#19 Cemetery Transfer		200	200							
		<b>48,400</b>	<b>46,971</b>	(35,000 By Taxation)						
<b>Warrant Articles '93</b>										
93#4 Hwy Loader				75,000	75,000	(25,000 Cap Reserve, 25,000 borrow)				
93#7 Cemetery layout				5,000	5,000	(5,000 Cap Reserve)				
93#8 Cemetery access				1,000	1,000	(1,000 Cap Reserve)				
93#9 Library Capital				2,000	2,000					
93#10 Historic Tom's House				3,000	3,000	(3,000 Worcester Fund)				
93#11 Town Hall Repair				3,500	3,500					
93#12 Town Hall Repair				2,450	2,450					
93#13 Town Revaluation				13,000	13,000					
93#14 Health Gateway				418	418					
93#15 Cemetery Transfer				441	442					
				<b>105,809</b>	<b>105,810</b>	(46,809 by Taxation)				
<b>Warrant Articles '94</b>										
94#5 Hwy Loader(93 borrowing)						25,000	25,000			
94#6 Ambulance						11,000	11,000			
94#7 Town Hall Furnace						7,000	6,838			
94#9 Cemetery Capital						5,000	5,000			
94#10 Library Capital						5,000	5,000			
94#12 Hwy Rake						3,000	2,992			
94#14 Town Vapors & Pump						2,500	1,820			
94#15 Sped Evaluation						2,000	0			
94#17 Cemetery/Hwy Transfer						192	192			
						<b>60,692</b>	<b>57,843</b>			





2/28/96	1992		1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		Change
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	96/95
SUMMARY													
Town Assessments													
Total Appropriations	567,747	542,914	578,006	551,082	614,886	610,813	648,681	670,436	701,467				8.1%
Total Warrants	48,400	46,971	105,809	105,810	60,692	60,692	42,815	42,815	52,128				21.8%
Less Revenues	230,588	230,588	246,434	258,118	230,000	228,964	230,000	270,710	250,000				
Expenses less Revenues	385,559	359,296	437,381	398,774	445,578	442,541	461,496	442,541	503,596				8.1%
Other Assessments													
School District Assessment	954,770	954,770	929,978	929,978	1071525	1025816	1151714	1119563	1119563				-2.8%
Hillsborough County	111,238	111,238	124,425	125,393	130,409	105,745	109,975	117,508	122,208				11.1%
Total Taxation	1,451,567	1,425,304	1,491,784	1,454,145	1,647,512	1,574,102	1,723,185	1,679,612	1,745,367				1.3%
Valuation(total - exemptions)	40,885,550	40,885,550	42,619,300	42,619,300	43,598,100	44,484,550	45,463,350	44,484,550	44,284,000				-2.6%
Budget Tax Rate	\$35.50	\$34.86	\$35.00	\$34.12	\$37.79	\$35.39	\$37.90	\$37.76	\$39.41				
Actual Rate		\$36.59		\$34.35		\$34.96		\$37.91					
Due to time constraints and other difficulties in obtaining information from the school district we were unable to accurately estimate Mason's School assessment.													

# TOWN OF MASON

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 1995

<b>REVENUES:</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1992</b>
Highway Block Grant	\$53,540	\$49,202	\$48,206	\$37,420
Shared revenue	30,521	30,807	32,939	35,576
Other state grants	449	515	590	681
Property taxes	1,672,530	1,547,983	1,484,644	1,488,304
Yield taxes	24,046	6,897	9,018	7,062
Land use change taxes	1,780	7,960	0	3,500
Motor vehicle fees	100,676	97,461	83,863	80,844
Penalties and interest	19,835	18,533	22,201	37,693
Licenses and permits	2,787	3,753	3,227	5,369
Interest income	35,027	17,095	4,110	3,628
Dog licenses	2,447	2,289	1,701	1,531
Rooms & Meals Tax	16,873			
Forestry Commission	4,920			
Other	33,702	24,914	52,263	17,286
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,999,133</b>	<b>1,807,409</b>	<b>1,742,762</b>	<b>1,718,892</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
General government	127,782	106,160	117,087	97,629
Cemeteries	8,172	13,223	12,917	16,074
Public safety	188,647	166,825	126,438	124,490
Highways	292,669	283,870	286,386	252,608
Sanitation	31,089	30,536	35,192	32,024
Health & Welfare	4,175	3,372	4,033	10,185
Education	1,119,563	1,025,816	929,978	954,770
Culture and recreation	36,321	32,071	27,908	24,848
Debt service	44,285	36,549	26,201	38,346
County taxes	117,508	105,745	125,393	111,238
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,970,211</b>	<b>1,804,167</b>	<b>1,691,533</b>	<b>1,662,212</b>
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	28,922	3,242	51,229	56,681
<b>Other financing sources:</b>				
Interfund transfers	1,620	6,500	0	
Unexpended encumbrances	0	255	2,260	760
	1,620	6,755	2,260	760
Excess (deficit) of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses	30,542	9,997	53,489	57,441
<b>Fund balance beginning</b>	<b>177,973</b>	<b>167,976</b>	<b>114,487</b>	<b>57,046</b>
<b>Fund balance ending</b>	<b>\$208,515</b>	<b>\$177,973</b>	<b>\$167,976</b>	<b>\$114,487</b>

# TOWN OF MASON

## Combined Balance Sheet

At December 31, 1995

<b>ASSETS</b>	General Fund	Capital Reserves	Trust Funds	Consrv Comm	Forestry Committee	All Funds
Cash	\$444,866	\$30,826	\$125,950	\$33,999	\$43,743	\$679,384
Debit Memo	0					\$0
Deeded property	15,958					\$15,958
Unredeemed taxes	123,793					\$123,793
Uncollected taxes	191,201					\$191,201
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$775,818</b>	<b>\$30,826</b>	<b>\$125,950</b>	<b>\$33,999</b>	<b>\$43,743</b>	<b>\$1,010,336</b>

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Escrow funds	\$7,411					\$7,411
Encumbrances	111					111
Payroll taxes payab	0					0
Due to schools	559,781					559,781
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>567,303</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>567,303</b>
<b>Fund balances</b>	<b>208,515</b>	<b>30,826</b>	<b>125,950</b>	<b>33,999</b>	<b>43,743</b>	<b>443,033</b>
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$775,818	\$30,826	\$125,950	\$33,999	\$43,743	\$1,010,336

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1995	427,829
Cash receipts:	
Town Clerk	103,550
Tax Collector	1,693,633
Selectmen	129,194
Interest income Fleet	1,902
Interest income NHPDIP	18,651
Tax Anticipation Loans	1,000,000
Interest CD	14,500
<b>Total cash available</b>	<b>3,389,259</b>
Selectmen's orders paid	1,648,642
Payroll disbursements	267,292
Tax anticipation loans repaid	1,000,000
Interest on tax anticipation loan	27,592
Gifts paid out	0
Bank service charges	867
<b>Total monies paid out</b>	<b>2,944,393</b>
Cash on hand, December 31, 1995	<b>444,866</b>

*Jeanne Hamel, Treasurer*



## TOWN OF MASON BONDS

Period		Principal Muni Bond			Interest	Total Debt	Fiscal Debt
		Outstanding	Principal	Coupon		Service	Service
1	15-Jan-90			6.75%	3396.26	3396.26	
2	15-Jul-90	100000	15000	6.75%	3377.50	18377.50	21773.76
3	15-Jan-91			6.75%	2871.25	2871.25	
4	15-Jul-91	85000	15000	6.75%	2871.25	17871.25	20742.50
5	15-Jan-92			6.75%	2365.00	2365.00	
6	15-Jul-92	70000	15000	6.75%	2365.00	17365.00	19730.00
7	15-Jan-93			6.75%	1858.75	1858.75	
8	15-Jul-93	55000	15000	6.75%	1858.75	16858.75	18717.50
9	15-Jan-94			6.75%	1352.50	1352.50	
10	15-Jul-94	40000	15000	6.75%	1352.50	16352.50	17705.00
11	15-Jan-95			6.75%	846.25	846.25	
12	15-Jul-95	25000	15000	6.75%	846.25	15846.25	16692.50
13	15-Jan-96			6.75%	340.00	340.00	
14	15-Jul-96	10000	10000	6.80%	340.00	10340.00	10680.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>100000</b>		<b>26041.26</b>	<b>126041.26</b>	<b>126041.26</b>

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

Improved & Unimproved Land	11,874,850
Assessed Value of Current Use Land	604,550
Consevation Restriction Assessment	1,700
Buildings (Mobile Homes Included)	29,548,600
Public Utilities (PSNH & NET)	1,500,000
Valuations Before Exemptions	<u>43,529,700</u>

### EXEMPTIONS

Elderly Exemptions	80,000
Solar Exemptions	<u>9,400</u>
	<u>89,400</u>

### NET VALUE FOR TAX RATE

43,440,300

### WAR SERVICE TAX CREDIT

Totally and permanently disables veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed in action.....	Limit	No.	Credits
	\$1,400	2	\$2,800
All Other Qualified Persons.....	\$100	66	\$6,600

### 1995 TAX RATE

Town	9.86
County	2.88
School	<u>25.37</u>
Total Rate	<b>\$37.91</b>

# REPORT OF THE MASON TRUST FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	PRINCIPAL			INTEREST			TOTAL	
	Beginning Balance	Funds Created (Expended)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Receipts (Disburseals)	Ending Balance	Fund Balance
TRUST FUNDS								
Boynton School	\$11,063.07		\$11,063.07	\$5,166.66	\$824.84		\$5,991.50	\$17,054.57
Stearns School	\$10,469.36		\$10,469.36	\$6,586.09	\$863.24		\$7,449.33	\$17,918.69
Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$21,545.33	\$300.00	\$21,845.33	\$4,864.46	\$1,419.67	(\$1,500.00)	\$4,784.13	\$26,629.46
Cemetery Land Improvement	\$3,560.00	\$150.00	\$3,710.00	\$5,053.54	\$459.89		\$5,513.43	\$9,223.43
Ellen Augusta Worcester Wilson	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00	\$5,526.12	\$1,587.64		\$7,113.76	\$32,113.76
Whittaker-Locke Library	\$10,808.07		\$10,808.07	\$436.74	\$586.54	(\$383.90)	\$639.38	\$11,447.45
Ephraim & Martha Lucindy Hildreth	\$9,966.62		\$9,966.62	\$1,020.35	\$575.56		\$1,595.91	\$11,562.53
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$92,412.45	\$450.00	\$92,862.45	\$28,653.96	\$6,317.38	(\$1,883.90)	\$33,087.44	\$125,949.89
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS								
Highway Capital Equipment	\$1,080.00	\$1,926.32	\$3,006.32	\$3,525.34	\$269.67		\$3,795.01	\$6,801.33
Town Reevaluation				\$2,276.41	\$96.70		\$2,373.11	\$2,373.11
Cemetery Land Purchase				\$1,427.18	\$83.86		\$1,511.04	\$1,511.04
Fire Equipment				\$200.11	\$5.56		\$205.67	\$205.67
Library Building	\$17,000.00		\$17,000.00	\$1,759.10	\$1,175.37		\$2,934.47	\$19,934.47
Police Cruiser				\$118.85	\$0.70	(\$119.55)	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$18,080.00	\$1,926.32	\$20,006.32	\$9,306.99	\$1,631.86	(\$119.55)	\$10,819.30	\$30,825.62
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$110,492.45	\$2,376.32	\$112,868.77	\$37,960.95	\$7,949.24	(\$2,003.45)	\$43,906.74	\$156,775.51

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

*Reverend Bonnie Evans*

*James Lasee*

*George Schwenk*

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 1995

	Levies of:	
	1995	Prior
<b>Uncollected Taxes, Jan.1, 1995:</b>		
Property Taxes		\$172,271.91
Land Use Change Taxes		1,474.35
Yield Taxes		427.31
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$1,672,530.14	
Land Use Change Taxes	1,780.00	
Yield Taxes	24,045.62	
Interest & fees	791.99	1482.07
<b>Overpayments:</b>		
Property Taxes	334.05	1444.00
Yield Taxes		
Interest & fees	67.73	6.54
<b>Interest Collected On</b>		
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>	464.83	7,712.74
<b>Costs Collected On</b>		
<b>Delinquent Taxes</b>		
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$1,700,014.36</b>	<b>\$184,818.92</b>
<b>Remitted To Treasurer During Year:</b>		
Property Taxes	\$1,490,480.60	\$172,271.91
Land Use Change Taxes	1,713.36	1,474.35
Yield Taxes	14,961.69	395.50
Interest On Taxes	1,241.82	7,998.12
Costs	15.00	1,228.50
Overpayments	401.78	1,450.54
<b>Abatements Allowed:</b>		
Property and Land Use Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
<b>Uncollected Taxes, Dec. 31, 1995:</b>		
Property Taxes	182,049.54	
Land Use Change Taxes	66.64	
Yield Taxes	9,083.93	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$1,700,014.36</b>	<b>\$184,818.92</b>



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

For the year ended December 31, 1995

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:			
	1994	1993	Prior
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes		\$70,436.72	\$17,491.80
Taxes Sold to Town	\$99,263.72		
Interest & Costs Collected A	1,977.18	4,082.13	4,253.24
Returned checks			
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$101,240.90</b>	<b>\$74,518.85</b>	<b>\$21,745.04</b>
<b>Remittances to Treasurer:</b>			
Redemptions	\$25,446.84	\$15,495.57	\$14,885.44
Interest & Cost	1,977.18	4,082.13	4,253.24
Returned checks			
<b>Deeded to Town</b>	<b>2,491.57</b>	<b>2,473.13</b>	<b>2,606.36</b>
<b>Unredeemed Taxes Year E</b>	<b>71,325.31</b>	<b>52,468.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$101,240.90</b>	<b>\$74,518.85</b>	<b>\$21,745.04</b>

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

<b>Cash on hand January 1, 1995</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Cash received:</b>	
Dog licenses	\$1,895
Automobile registrations	\$98,502
Title fees	\$436
Filing fees	\$2
Returned checks	\$45
State dog fees	\$552
Marriage licenses	\$380
Municipal agent fees	\$1,738
<b>Total cash received</b>	<b>\$103,550</b>
<b>Cash remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b>\$103,550</b>
<b>Cash on hand, December 31, 1995</b>	<b>\$50</b>



Respectfully submitted,

*Charlotte Hastings*

Town Clerk and Tax Collector

## MASON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Again a special thanks to the Board of Selectmen: Chairperson Anne Richards, Clifton Hastings, and Wolfgang Millbrandt and to the town's Assistant, Barbara Milkovits. Your dedication and the many long hours of work for the Town of Mason make it a special place to live and holds you in my highest regard.

I want to wish Kris Thibault the best of luck with his new job in New Ipswich. He left us in July of this year. Kris' leaving made us a little short handed while we looked for someone to replace him. We were very fortunate, after three months, to find a very exceptional person to fill the vacancy. Before I go on to tell you a little about him, I want to thank John LeBlanc, Sr. and Mike Farrey for, without their help, the summer months would have been very difficult. I also want to thank Larry Duval, one of the other specials, who has since been hired as a full time police officer in Greenville.

Vint Boggis of Milford, NH was a former police officer with the Greenville Police Department until he was hired by us in October. Vint and his wife Jerry live in Milford with their two children, Shane and Marcus. Vint is a Certified Police Officer in the State of New Hampshire and also a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician. He holds degrees in Criminal Justice and Management and is furthering his education in the law enforcement area.

John Dube of Mason is currently in school to become a certified part time police officer. The classes are being held in Concord, NH. This will also help him with his college degree from the New Hampshire Technical Institute. You will be seeing him in town in the near future.

It is a pleasure to be able to work with town departments that have one goal in mind. Our goal is to serve the people of Mason. Under the direction of Curt Dunn, the Highway Department has kept our roadways safe to travel. Thanks to Dave Cook, the Fire Chief, and his dedicated people. Thanks to Cheryl Greenwood who has continued to do a great job with the Mason First Responders.

1995! Juveniles with GUNS times three. This year Mason and New Ipswich have dealt with this very serious problem. In April of this year, a burglary occurred in which legally owned guns were stolen from a house in town. The day after, New Ipswich had a burglary where other guns had been taken by the same juveniles. Because of the cooperation between the two towns, both cases were solved resulting in apprehension and prosecution.

My personal thanks to the people of Mason for helping the police department continue to move forward towards modernization with the purchasing of a computer system and cameras for the cruisers. There have been some generous contributions to the police department which need special thanks. One was for a TV/VCR combination which we will use to review taped incidents and also for training. Other donations in the amount of two \$100.00 each, will offset the cost of equipment upgrades. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robert L. Malboeuf*  
Police Chief

## POLICE DEPARTMENT CALL ACTIVITY

Court	21	Assist Motorist	32	Wrecker request	25
Burglary	13	Domestic	6	Suspicious Vehicle	10
Burglar Alarms	56	Transport Prisoner	10	MV Complaints	18
Animal not dog	37	MV listing	129	Mutual aid	52
Recovered Prop.	\$20,000	JV Investigation	6	Brawl	0
Untimely death	1	Natural death	1	Suicide	1
Arrest	10	MV Accident	40	Escort	0
Assault	0	Check Welfare	8	Suspicious Person	13
Lost person	3	MV Stops	208	Vandalism	25
Lic. Check	59	Call by Phone	437	General Broadcast	5
Shots Fired	6	Prowler	9	Hazard	7
Criminal threat	1	Drug arrest	8	Misc.	24
DWI	4	Ambulance	32	Fire assist	46
MV record	59	OHRV Complaint	8	Stolen Auto	5
Drunk	0	See Complaint		Open Door/Window	7
Obscene/Harassing	3	Abandoned Vehicle	10	N.C.I.C.	7
Dog Complaint	47	Information	915	Trespassing	11

## REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

During 1995, the Planning Board received two applications for minor subdivisions, one application for a major subdivision, and one application for a site plan review. The site plan was conditionally approved, pending wetland permits from the state. Hearings are continuing on one of the minor subdivisions, pending additional information from the applicant. The other applications were approved, as was an outstanding major subdivision from 1994. The Board also held a public hearing on the Town's request to clear trees along Scripps Lane, a scenic road; the request was approved.

The Potter subdivision on Merriam Hill Road continued to be a significant issue for the Town and for abutters. Two public hearings were held at the request of the board, as well as a site walk, to ensure that the public concerns were understood by the applicant. Some of the safety concerns were addressed; however, the construction required for the release of bonding has still not been completed.

The Planning Board, in conjunction with Board of Selectmen, Board of Adjustment, and the Conservation Commission, held several public hearings regarding the protection of water resources in the Town. The meetings were prompted by the contamination of residents' wells by a leaking gasoline tank. The hearings helped to increase general awareness of the importance of protecting our groundwater. They also provided a forum for discussion of what approaches the Town can and should take, in preventing such problems from occurring.

Partly in response to these discussions of groundwater protection, we began work on updating the Master Plan. A public workshop helped in clarifying the process we would follow in updating the plan, as well as in defining the kinds of issues that should be addressed by the plan. Work on the Master Plan will be continuing in 1996.

Respectfully submitted, Mason Planning Board



## MASON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

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Our year, 1995, was certainly a different type of year for our highway system. We had a very serious mud season in the middle of January. We had to haul 800 yards of crushed gravel out to different areas in four days, and also grade the roads in the worst areas. We had several ice storms but not much snow. This resulted in the snow budget being cut back by \$3000.00, at the 1995 Town Meeting.

Spring came with a less severe mud season. Roads were graded and more crushed gravel was put on in weak areas. Patching was done in our areas that had pot holes.

In early June, the gravel crusher came to our pit and crushed 4400 yards of gravel for roads and pug mill mix. At this time, we hauled 1900 yards on to our gravel roads and also did our gravel road stabilizer at the same time.

We ditched, removed stones, shimmed with the pug mill mix, patched and chip sealed Townsend Road from Briggs Road south to the Townsend line and Meetinghouse Hill Road, completed in August.

During the summer, the weather was very dry. The dirt roads became very dry, rough washboards. Several people called and asked us to do something. I explained that if we loosened up the gravel, all the fines in the gravel would blow away and conditions would be worse. I told the people to pray for rain and that as soon as we had moisture, we would be grading. The people did a fine job, because, starting in the middle of September, the rains came. And they didn't hardly stop until the end of November. We graded and re-graded, trying to have the roads as smooth as possible for winter. During this same period, we mowed and cut brush on nearly fifty percent of our roads, which helped with safety visibility and ease for snow removal.

The month of December made up for the lack of snow in the beginning of the year. Plowing costs were up and sanding costs were up. December of 1995, we put out three times the amount of sand as in December of 1994.

Our new truck came, in late October. A sander was mounted on it for the winter. It is a very pleasant addition to our fleet, as it made our job safer, faster, and better service for you. We will be adding additional components to the truck in 1996.

I would like to thank our citizens for being patient during all the different weather problems this year. Thank you to the Highway crew for all the long hours of dedication to their highway road system. If the citizens would just give a wave and smile to our people during these long days and long nights, it would help the crew to keep going a little longer and harder, just knowing that they are appreciated.

Thank you also to the other Town departments for your support and to people and other organizations from outside the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Curtis M. Dunn*  
Road Agent

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

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There have been twenty-eight (28) Building Permits issued during 1995. They were issued for the following: (and the total valuation is also listed.)

4	Permanent Dwelling	172,812
5	Addition to Homes	39,899
6	Porch or Deck Attached to Home	27,187
6	Barn	68,155
3	Garage	30,776
1	Shed	3,192
1	Addition to Business	4,594
2	Septic Repair	<u>6,000</u>
		352,615

There have been five (5) Oil Burner Permits issued. The House and Waterhole Numbering System is continually being upgraded. It would be more beneficial if all residents would use their correct house numbers.

I hold Office Hours at the Mann House on Tuesday evenings by appointment. Please call 878-2894 for your appointment.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kenneth B. Wilson*  
Building Inspector

## REPORT of the WILTON RECYCLING CENTER

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The year of 1995 has been yet another year of change at the Recycling Center. The recycling market has changed. As a result, we are pursuing new markets and have taken better control of our sales, insuring a higher income. We are also investigating alternative means of disposing of our trash which could reduce costs.

Much needed repairs were done to the buildings, some of which were made necessary by a fire in June. Most of the repairs were covered by insurance and we gained valuable information about the disposal of "incinerables" by compacting during the shutdown.

We are working toward making the Center more user friendly in the near future. I would like to thank the Wilton Selectmen, the Wilton Highway Department, the area policy representatives, and area residents for their support and cooperation which has made this last year pass so smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Joe Paro*  
Manager

## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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February 14, 1995, Fire Chief Bruce Berry retired after 9 years as Fire Chief and 22 years as a firefighter for the Town of Mason. He was available for firefighting and fire related tasks during the day. He will be missed. Thank you Bruce, for your years of service.

We have purchased the airpicks approved at the 1995 Town Meeting. The firefighters were trained in the use and maintenance of these airpicks prior to their being placed into service. These new airpicks are easier to use and more reliable than the old ones that we replaced.

We were lucky during the very dry summer. We had only 5 brush fires that were kept to a minimum size by the quick response of the firefighters and help from the surrounding towns through mutual aid.

I would like to thank the firefighters and the first responders for their dedication and hard work for the Town. I would also like to thank my officers who assisted me during the year, without whom I would have been buried with all the work involved with running the fire department.

A big thank you to Road Agent Curt Dunn for his advice and the help that he and the Highway Department have given to the fire department. Also a big thank you to "Chief Bob" and the Police Department. We enjoy an excellent working relationship with both departments.

Last, but by no means least, Thank You to Barbara Milkovits and the Mason Selectmen for their guidance during the year.

In 1996 we are going to have a new communications center. Monadnock Communications will be closing their emergency dispatch service. They have provided excellent service to the Town of Mason for many years and it will be hard to adjust to a new service. The Mason Fire Department would like to thank Scott and Janet Quilty for the personal touch they always provided, as well as their assistance in making the transition to the new center. Also thanks to their staff for their professional dispatching.

Respectfully submitted,

*David P. Cook*

Fire Chief

## MASON FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDERS

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It has been approximately two years since the inception of the Mason First Responders. We appreciate the support and confidence of the townspeople in us, to respond to emergency calls of friends and family. The positive feedback we have received since we formed has been wonderful.



This year, we have been working on adding additional supplies to help us serve the community's needs better. We have also added a few new members, bringing our membership to ten. Reverend Bonnie Evans has graciously offered us her time and experience as chaplain. She was a little reluctant to add a pager to her bag of tricks but we twisted her arm. She has been a great addition to the group in times of need.

There has been a continued sense of camaraderie between the Brookline Ambulance Service and the Mason First Responders. We have monthly training sessions together and alternate the location between the two towns. This willingness to work together allows us to provide better service for those who need us. We sincerely appreciate their involvement. I would like to say thank you to Wes Whittier, Brookline Ambulance Director, for all his help and guidance. He has been a wealth of knowledge in keeping things running smoothly.

I would like to thank all the First Responders for their dedication, gifts of time and energy, and cooperation in making this organization work. I would also like to thank the Selectmen, their irreplaceable secretary Barbara, Fire Chief Dave Cook, and Police Chief Bob Malboeuf for their help, support, and for answering my many questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cheryl Greenwood*  
 First Responder Coordinator

#### TRAINING

1041	man hours department training
420	man hours (3) members completed firefighter level one training
210	man hours (3) members completed firefighter career level training
135	man hours (3) members completed first responder medical training
1806	man hours Total Training hours

#### 1995 FIRE CALLS

Assist Police	1	Mutual Aid received	6	Car Fires	2
Mutual Aid given	11	Trash Fire	1	Alarm Activation	6
Brush Fires	5	Auto Accidents	11	Medical Assists	4
Smoke Investigation	4	Chimney Fires	4	Tree on Power Lines	2
Structure Fire	1	Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation	2		
Total Calls	54	Total Man Hours	820		

#### 1995 MEDICAL CALLS

Abdominal Pain	1	Aplastic Anemia	1	Bee Sting	2
Behavioral	1	Cardiac	2	Fall	7
Finger Laceration	1	Head Injury	2	Home Illness	1
Hospital Transfer	1	Motor Vehicle Accident	7	Respiratory Arrest	1
Respiratory Distress	2	Seizure	1	Suicide	1
Unconscious Patient	1				
Total Calls:	32				

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The underground fuel storage tank issue continues to be of primary importance to the Commission. Portions of most of this year's meetings were spent attempting to form a Town policy of dealing with this potentially catastrophic problem, in cooperation with the Selectmen and Planning Board. A public hearing on June 7th outlined the dangers specific to Mason, and began the long process of finding sources of information that would give us the locations of underground tanks in Town. Carol Ogilvie of the Southwest Regional Planning Commission has assisted in this effort.

Clean up of the underground tank leak at the former gas station at Routes 31 and 124 was completed in December. For those whose wells are contaminated, however, the saga will probably continue for years to come.

More time and money was spent to fortify the embattled railroad trail gates. Many thanks to Garth Fletcher for his help in making new bolts to replace those destroyed by vandals. We are also grateful for the efforts of Paul Veilleux, Curt Dunn and his crew, and John LeBlanc.

The forestry services of Bill Downs were very valuable to the Commission in 1995. The money made from management activities of Lots E-28 and E-38 will cover the repairs to Scripps Lane, future trail improvements for the Spaulding Brook Conservation Land, and various other conservation efforts that will benefit this Town for years to come.

Upon the advice of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, the Mason Conservation Commission has adopted a policy of "No Winter Maintenance" of any Conservation land holdings. These lands are open for use at the risk of the users.

The Conservation Commission continues to review wetland and timber cutting applications and assists in protecting wetlands, which are important resources in the Town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Conservation Commission

## AUDITOR'S REPORT - 1994

I have audited all Town departments budgeted or assigned financial responsibilities in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and their financial statements reflect an accurate assessment of the Town's financial position.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia A. Greene*  
Town Auditor

# HOME HEALTH CARE and COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.

Report to the Town of Mason  
January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995  
Annual Report

In 1995, Home Health Care and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Mason. The following information represents a projection of Home Health Care and Community Services' activities in your community in 1995. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1995 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

## SERVICE REPORT

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Services Provided</u>
Nursing	128 Visits
Physical Therapy	1 Visits
Speech Pathology	0 Visits
Occupational Therapy	2 Visits
Homemaker	4 Hours
Hours Home Health Aide	125 Visits
Medical Social Work	0 Visits
Child Health Program	0 Visits
Children Outreach	0 Visits
Nutritionist	0 Visits
Total Unduplicated Residents Served:	8

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1994 with all funding sources is projected to be \$15,689.76.

These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 1996, we recommend an appropriation of \$1,500.00 to continue home care services at the current level.

Thank you for your consideration.



## MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The library was pleased this year when over 100 children and their parents attended a magic show provided by BJ Hickman. Funds from our town budget were matched by a grant from the New Hampshire State Library and the Arts Council through a proposal developed by Pam Steinberg and our librarian, Diana LeBlanc. The program was a kickoff to our very successful summer reading program. A record-breaking twenty-five children in kindergarten through fourth grade participated and reported on 287 books. Eighteen middle school students "Saddled Up A Good Book" in the summer of 1995 through a variety of fun equestrian activities. The efforts of Deborah Bishop, Linda Martin Berke, and many others brought horseback riding, grooming lessons, miniature horses, side-saddle riding, carriage driving, and the art of horse drawing, particularly C.W. Anderson, to some very appreciative boys and girls. 1995 also brought a spring and a fall series of Story Hour programs for preschoolers. Diana LeBlanc was assisted by Sue Wolpert, Kristen Readell, and Jennifer Lamy in preparing activities for the program. In December, the library story and crafts program for the Greening of Mason had a full house.

The library was pleased to sponsor a Poetry Contest again this year. Organized by Linda Martin Berke and Diana LeBlanc, the contest brought many fine entries that were published in the book, Reflections. First prize winner was Liz Fletcher, with her poem entitled "The Walls of New England". There are only a few more copies available for purchase at the library.

Summer brought a pleasant surprise, in the form of a generous donation from the Frances Bastian estate, which will be invested to provide new library materials and services. With much help from Sue Wolpert, Betty Chapman, and Diana LeBlanc, we held our annual Bake Sale and Used Book Sale in June.

In the fall, the library conducted a telephone survey of the town to help develop a plan to offer computer and online information services to the public. After speaking with members of over 10% of the town's households, we learned that Mason has about twice the national average for home and business based computers, around 66%. We also learned that, even in households that already had a computer, the majority would use the library's computer if certain services were available. We are working to develop a plan to deliver those services.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who give of their time and money to help our library. We give special thanks to Pam Steinberg and Betty Chapman for their ongoing efforts. We are grateful to all who have donated materials to the library. Your generosity enables us to offer a much greater variety of books and audiovisual materials than we otherwise could. We would like all who are interested, to join us in our efforts to continue building a dynamic community resource. It is said that a library runs best when it has a strong librarian, a strong trustee board, and a strong Friends' group. We are looking for people to help raise funds and develop library programs.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bette Lewicke  
Linda Martin Berke  
Mary Calderon*

Library Trustees

# MASON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1995

January 1, 1995 Account Balance	\$ 1,219.99
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**Receipts:**

Town Appropriation	\$20,784.00
Gifts for Book Purchases	125.12
Fund-raising	358.65
Whitaker-Locke Trust Fund Interest	383.90
Fines, Lost Book Fees	102.65
Program Grants and Donations	6,696.54
NOW Account Interest	76.29
Warrant Article VII	1,000.00

**Expenditures:**

Salaries	\$15,741.25
Payroll Tax	1,198.59
Workers' Comp-Lib	60.00
Dues and Fees	519.99
Postage	75.00
Programming	374.64
Supplies	363.16
Telephone	399.56
Travel	210.00
Continuing Education	86.68

**Library Materials:**

Books	2,085.08
Periodicals	406.33
Audio/Visual	10.00
Computer Expenses	19.99
Warrant Article VII	999.72

Returned to Town General Fund:	\$ 67.72
December 31, 1995 Account Balance	\$ 8,129.43

## OPERATIONS STATISTICS

	<u>Catalogued books</u>	<u>Pbk. Books</u>	<u>A-V</u>
Added to collection	538	83	77
Lost or withdrawn	331	168	12
Total collection	8,760	1,430	387
Added by donation	292		
Added by purchase	246		
Total registered borrowers	570		
Number of library programs	25		
Program participants	407		
Number of items borrowed from Library	9,265		
Items borrowed from other libraries	142		
Items lent to other libraries	1		

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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Arthur Rafter and crew did another fine job of mowing, trimming and raking in 1995. Maintenance time has increased some, due to mowing of the new cemetery.

A large pine tree that had been hit by lightning was cut down on the east wall of Prospect Hill Cemetery. More work was done on that stone wall also, to remove rotten tree stumps and rearrange loose stones.

A pressure treated fence was constructed along the eastern boundary of the new cemetery land. This will be stained in 1996.

With some much appreciated technical help from Bob Larochelle, we have designed and mapped the layout of the new cemetery. When the snow melts and the field dries, we will begin to install the roads and boundary markers.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Morrison*

*Wolfgang Millbrandt*

*Wallace Brown*

Cemetery Trustees



### DEATHS and/or BURIALS in the TOWN of MASON for the year ending December 31, 1995

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
Feb. 25	Malcolm Jewell	Mason	Cremated
Apr. 18	Harold C. Forrest	Mason	Prospect Hill
Mar. 8	Florence M. Harris	St. Petersburg, FL	Pleasant View
July 11	Eugene L. Grondin	Brighton, MA	Prospect Hill
Aug. 3	Fernand B. Bergeron	Mason	Sacred Heart New Ipswich
Sept. 22	Michael J. Therrien	Mason	Calvary Winchendon, MA
Oct. 3	Stella Grondin	Somerville, MA	Prospect Hill



**MARRIAGES REGISTERED in the TOWN of MASON**  
for the year ending December 31, 1995

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Married by</u>
Jan. 1	David A. Profit	Mason	Brian P. Andrews
	Deborah J. LaPointe	Mason	Justice of the Peace
May 6	Alfred A. Huston	Mason	Bonnie C. Evans
	Tamara A. Hudak	Mason	Clergy
May 28	William B. Bentley	Minot, N. Dak.	Kenneth C. Landall
	Megan Evans	Minot, N. Dak.	Clergy
June 24	Daniel C. Fox	Mason	Charlotte N. Hastings
	Linda A. Moore	Maynard, MA	Justice of the Peace
July 22	Clifford W. Stark	Mason	Carl W. Chandler
	Donna Bauer	Mason	Justice of the Peace
Aug. 19	Mark R. Nadeau	Mason	David L. Forry
	Melanie B. Bosse	Mason	Clergy
Aug. 26	Daniel E. Paul	Mason	Fay L. Germell
	Jodi A. Davidson	Mason	Clergy
Aug. 27	Ernest F. Houle	Leominster, MA	Charlotte N. Hastings
	Beth E. Conley	Leominster, MA	Justice of the Peace
Sept. 23	Anthony L. Bergeron	Mason	Daniel K. Poling
	Roberta A. Wenzel	Amherst	Clergy
Oct. 14	John J. Boutwell	Townsend, MA	Bonnie C. Evans
	Susan P. Strand	Townsend, MA	Clergy
Dec. 17	George J. Laurin	Townsend, MA	Charlotte N. Hastings
	Cindy M. Forrest	Townsend, MA	Justice of the Peace



**BIRTHS in the TOWN of MASON**  
for the year ending December 31, 1995

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Mar. 6	Tanina D. Cadwell	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Heidi Van De Carr Frank L. Cadwell III
Apr. 22	Haley C. Farwell	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Kerry A. Laning Randall L. Farwell
Apr. 25	Christine E. Iodice	Monadnock Peterborough	Carol J. Beinar Joseph F. Iodice
May 16	Kathryn J. Lannin	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Linda C. Nobles John T. Lannin, Jr.
May 24	Lanna R. Farrey	At home	Ruth a. Aho Andrew F. Farrey
July 22	Alexander N. Tamulonis	St. Joseph Nashua	Jeanne M. Simoneau Stephen P. Tamulonis
July 24	Alison M. Siegmman	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Michele P. McNenny Lee H. Siegmman



Aug. 8	Samantha C. Guiry	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Colleen P. Galvin Clinton C. Guiry
Sept. 7	Rachel C. Doucet	St. Joseph Nashua	Mary P. Nason Paul R. Doucet
Sept. 11	Ellen R. Wilborg	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Mary S. Volpe Lee E. Wilborg
Oct. 20	Kaitlin Fauteux	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Katheryn A. Scott Sylvain P. Fauteux
Oct. 24	Zachary P. Blum	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Ann H. Gavin Michael W. Blum
Nov. 13	Jonathan D. Edelblut	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Kathleen M. Ciarlo Louis F. Edelblut
Nov. 15	Walter P. Noonan	Parkland Med. Center Derry	Darlene L. Back Joseph T. Noonan
Dec. 20	Renae E. Lord	Southern NH Regional Nashua	Denise M. Fortier William O. Lord

## REPORT OF THE MASON FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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Over the past year the Mason Forestry Committee has been involved with the selective thinning of tax map Lots C-16 and C-17, which are located along Sandpit Road. The Committee has employed the services of a NH consulting forester, Bill Downs, who had selectively marked the timber products and managed field operations throughout the project. The timber products were sold to a local mill, Bingham Lumber, Inc. of Brookline, NH and the logging work was carried out by Gentle Giant of Milford, NH. The thinning operation started in June and continued into this past winter. During the thinning, many of the poorer quality trees were weeded out and younger higher valued tree species, such as red oak and white pine, were released. Other areas of the site were thinned in order to enhance the wildlife habitat. The Town can plan to perform another thinning on this same site sometime in the next 20 to 30 years.

During the thinning operation, the Committee had the opportunity to have the area, located along the southwest side of the Town's gravel pit, cleared. This cleared area will help the Town Highway Department maintain the face of the gravel bank, while at the same time, allow expansion of the pit for the Town's future material needs.

Together with the benefits of managing this site for future timber production and wildlife habitat, the Committee was paid \$47,304.28 for the timber products removed during the thinning operation. The Town also collected an additional \$4,730.00 in Timber Tax.

One more note, the Committee has also been working together with the Mason Conservation Commission on selective thinning projects on two other lots located along the old B & M railroad bed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mason Forestry Committee

## TOWN MEETING March 14, 1995

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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. The Town Clerk read the warrant through Article 2.

Polls were declared open at 12:05 pm. Checklist total was 687. Polls were closed at 7:05 pm, after 109 had voted. There was one absentee ballot.

Results were as follows:

Selectman for 3 years:	Wolfgang Millbrandt	97
Treasurer for 1 year:	Jeanne Hamel	103
Auditor for 1 year:		
Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 years;	(Write In) Linda Goss	19
Library Trustee for 1 year:	Deborah Bishop	102
Library Trustee for 3 years:	Linda Martin-Berke	102
Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years:	Wallace A. Brown	105
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years:	Bonnie C. Evans	106
School Board Member for 3 years:	Rachel Petersen	

The meeting was re-opened at 8:00 pm. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed the procedure we would follow. Note was made of the fire and emergency exits.

Note was made of the following errors or omissions in the Town Report. Page 5, Supervisor Constance Lacasse's term ends March 2000. Article 3, third line, strike out "plow and".

Article 5, second line, strike out "five" and insert "ten".

Page 24, fifth line from the bottom, strike out "1993" and insert "1994".

Omissions in Deaths and Burials:

March 2 Harlan West Mason Prospect Hill

May 14 Gertrude Edna Everett Bridgeton, ME Pratt Annex

Colors were presented by Kerri Greenwood and John F. LeBlanc, Jr., members of the Mason fire Department Explorers. Invocation was given by the Reverend Bonnie C. Evans, and Christopher Greenwood led us in the Pledge of allegiance.

Reading of the Warrant was waived. There were 102 voters present. Jeffrey MacGilvray, State Representative, brought greetings from the Legislature.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or borrowing , or otherwise the sum of Six Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$652,078) for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mrs. Schwenk proceeded to review the line items of the budget. Under Ambulance: A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend Workmen Comp. by eliminating the sum of \$1400 and putting in 0. Under Library: A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend Dues, Fees and Education by changing the \$520 to \$620. Under Wilton Recycling Center: A motion was made, seconded and passed to increase the amount from \$30,326 to \$31,089. A short discussion was held on the line item for Town Forestry Committee. It was explained that the \$7500 would be an in and out item, and that they would not be allowed to spend more than what came in. Mrs. George Schwenk questioned whether or not the members of this committee



should be elected. Mrs. Schwenk reviewed RSA 31:112 which said members would be appointed.

Under Highway Maintenance: A motion was made, seconded and passed to change plowing from \$14,000 to \$11,000. under fire Department: A motion was made, seconded and passed to change Other Stipends from \$6,000 to \$5,750. A motion was made, seconded and passed to change Workmen's Comp. from \$600 to \$900. At this time, Mr. Donald Richards made a motion to express our thanks to former Fire Chief Bruce Berry. He served 23 years on the Department, the last nine as Chief. A standing ovation was given.

**Article 2.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$648,681 for the operation and expenses of the Town for the year ensuing. This included decreasing the Ambulance by \$1400, increasing the Library by \$100, increasing Recycling by \$765, reducing Highway Maintenance by \$3000, decreasing Fire Department by \$250, and increasing Fire Department by \$390.

**Article 3.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease agreement of \$43,056 for the purchase of a new truck, cab, chassis, dump body, plow mount, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,352 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This was by secret ballot. 94 yes, 3 no.

At this time election results were given and announcements were made of the upcoming Rabies Clinic and that the Boy Scouts were hosting a "Blue Bird" presentation on March 31st. Mr. Paul Gavin spoke of the upcoming reconvened school meeting and urged voters to attend to support our town in this matter. It was suggested that we do not adjourn our meeting, but reconvene until April 11th.

Mrs. Schwenk thanked all who helped in many ways to organize and make our Town election and meeting proceed with no problems.

**Article 4.** A motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone action on this article until after the count was reported on Article 3.

**Article 5.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of ten self contained breathing air packs and spare bottles. \$10,000 of the \$20,000 is to come from general taxation and the balance from borrowing.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. A motion was made, seconded and passed to indefinitely postpone this article.

**Article 6.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4800 for the purchase of two video cameras to be used in the police cruisers.

**Article 7.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 for the purchase of computer equipment and software for police use.

**Article 8.** The town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for the purchase of a fifty-two volume collection of From Sea to Shining Sea, a collection of books about the states for children's reference, and fifteen volumes of Cornerstones of Freedom, children's historical reference books in order to update the Mason Public Library's collection in Juvenile Social Studies and History.

**Article 9.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1080 from surplus. These amounts received in 1993 and 1994 from the sale of Highway Department equipment to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve fund.

**Article 10.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83.33 from surplus. These amounts received in 1994 from the sale cemetery lots, to be added to the Cemetery Land Improvement Fund.

**Article 11.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen and the Road agent to sell or dispose of surplus equipment from the Highway Department and with monies received, to be placed in the Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.

**Article 12.** The Town voted to discontinue the Police Capital Reserve Fund created in 1978. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund. **Article 13.** The Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a long term communications contract.

**Article 14.** The Town voted to allow the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Moderator to set the polling hours, such power having been taken away by a ballot vote at this year's state election.

A motion was made by Mr. Millbrandt, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to restrict reconsideration of Articles 2 through Article 14. This motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwenk, seconded by Mrs. Richards, to adjourn the Town Meeting until after April 8th.

We voted to adjourn Town Meeting until after April 11th at 8:00 pm.

#### **Reconvened Town Meeting April 11th, 1995**

Moderator Catherine Schwenk reconvened the adjourned Town Meeting at 8:00 pm. There were 17 voters present.

Mrs. Anne Richards led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The town Clerk was asked to read the minutes of the March 14th meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as read. A motion was made and seconded and we voted to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

We adjourned at 8:13 pm. Sine Dai  
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town clerk

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Sept. 6, 1995**

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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Catherine Schwenk. She gave instructions to the voters and any non voters present. She called attention to the fire and emergency exits. Selectmen Anne Richards and Clifton Hastings were introduced as well as Charlotte N. Hastings Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. There were 691 on the voting list, 19 voters and one non voter present. Selectman Richards led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase of five self contained breathing air packs and spare bottles, or take any other action relative thereto. Ten Thousand (\$10,000) of the Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) is to come from general taxation and the balance from borrowing.

A motion was made by David Cook and seconded by Fred Greenwood to amend this by striking the number five and replacing with the number ten. This motion passed.

**Article 1.** The Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purchase of ten self contained breathing air packs and spare bottles. \$10,000 of the \$20,000 is to come from general taxation and the balance from borrowing. This was done by ballot vote. 18 yes, 1 no.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. We voted to adjourn at 7:34 pm.

We adjourned at 7:34 pm. Sine Dai.  
Charlotte N. Hastings, Town Clerk





















